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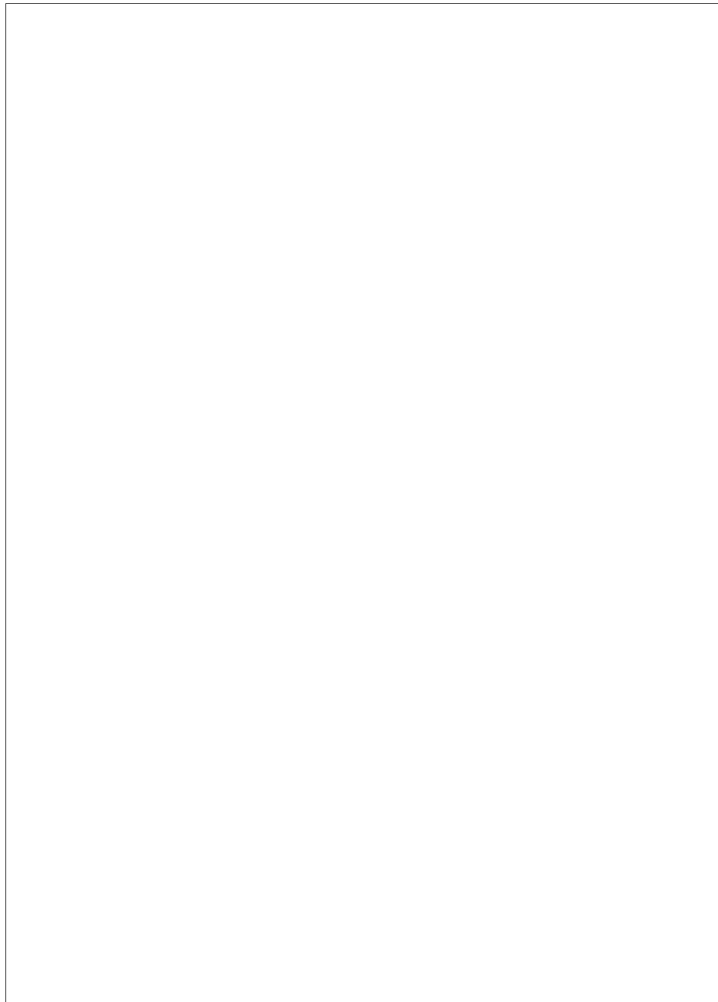
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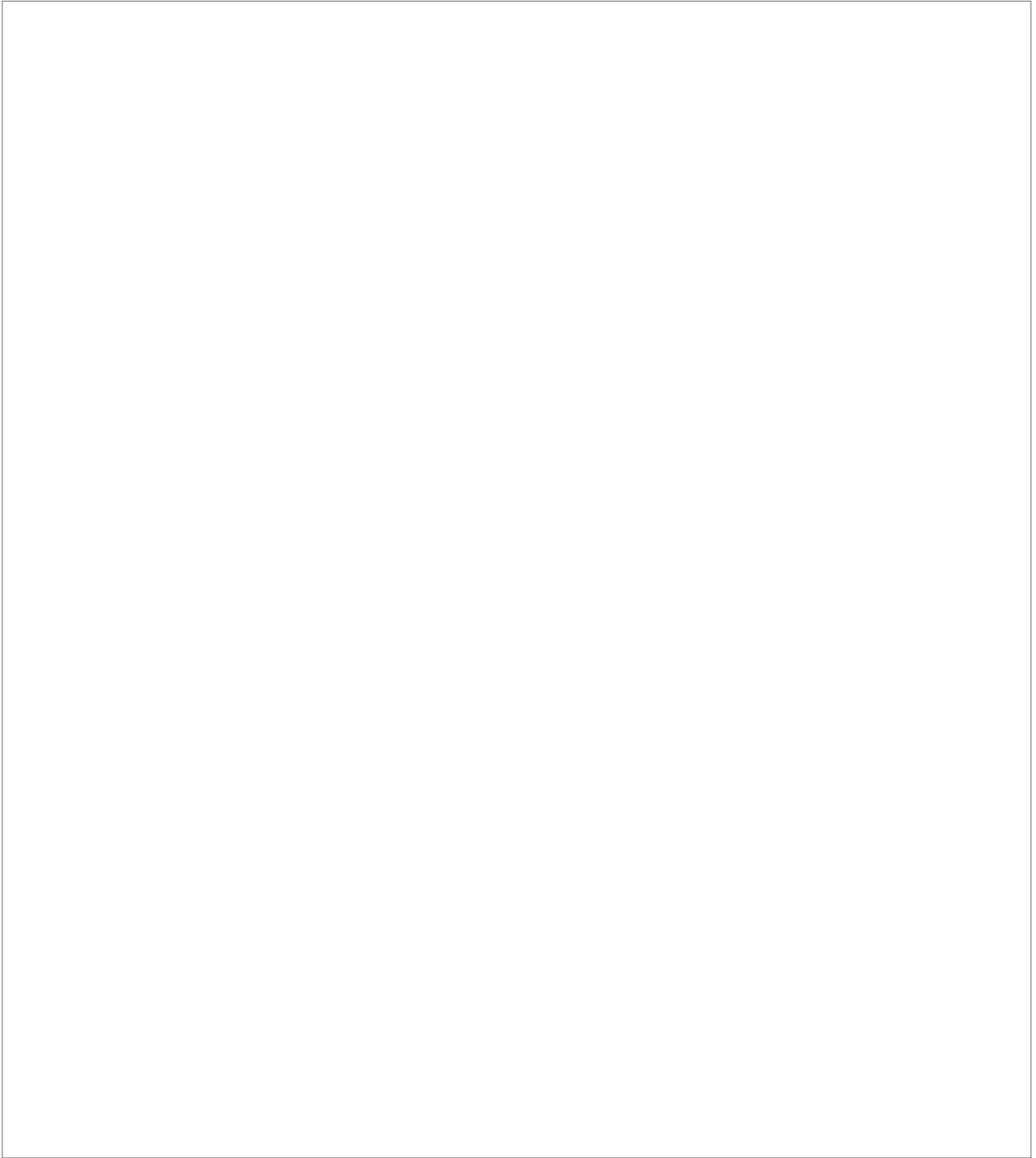
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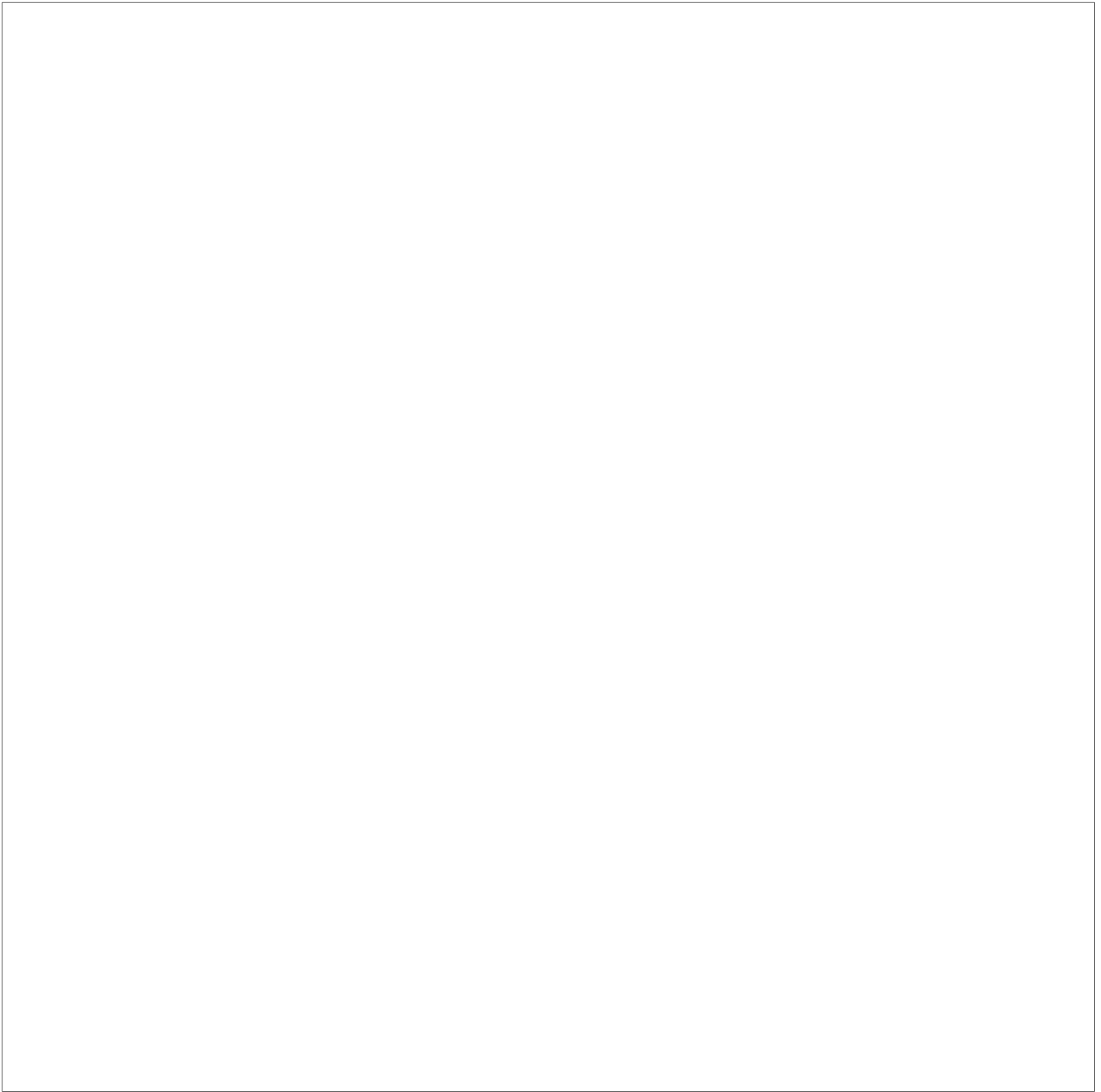
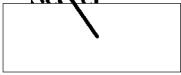
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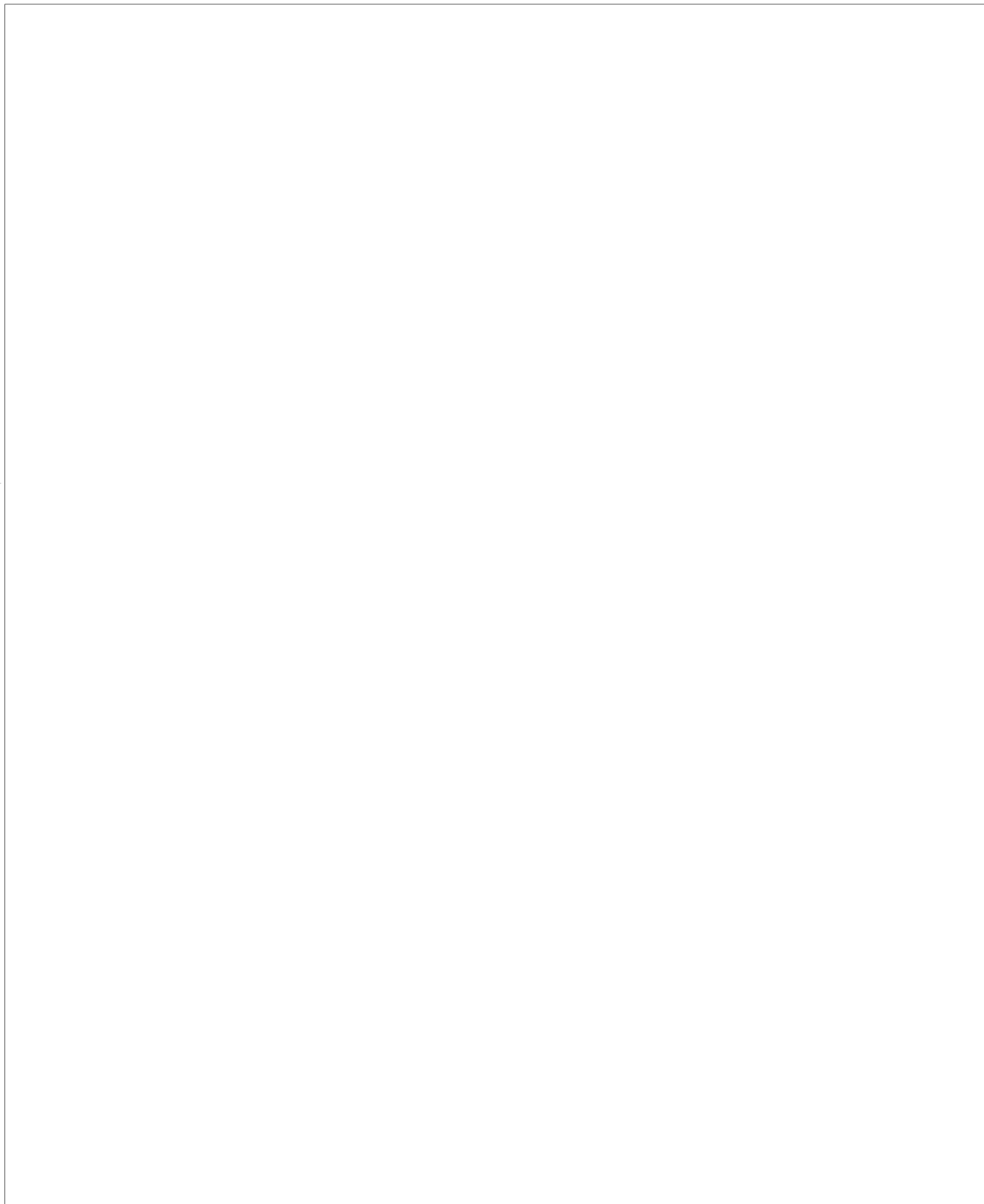


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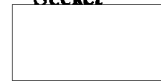


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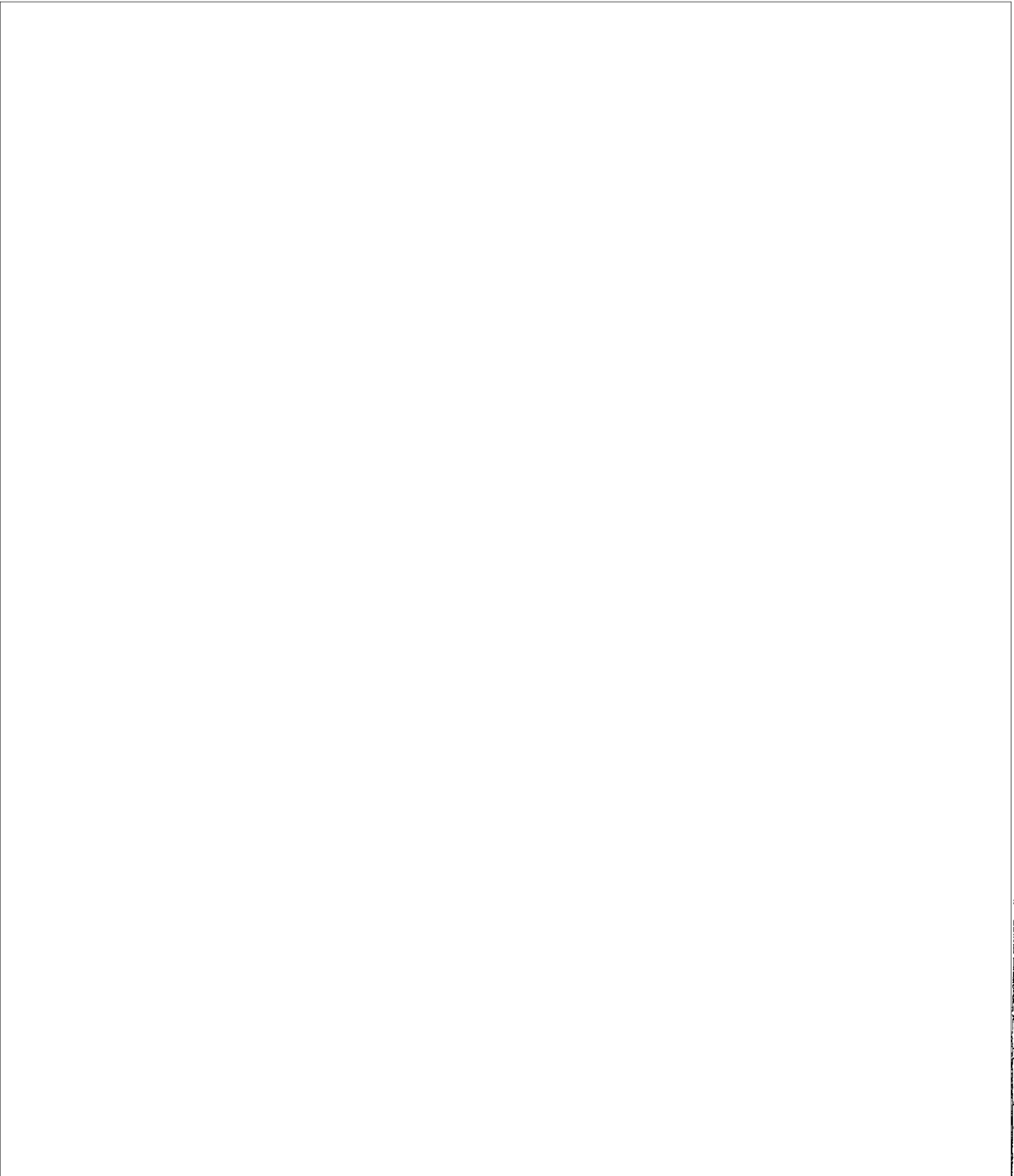


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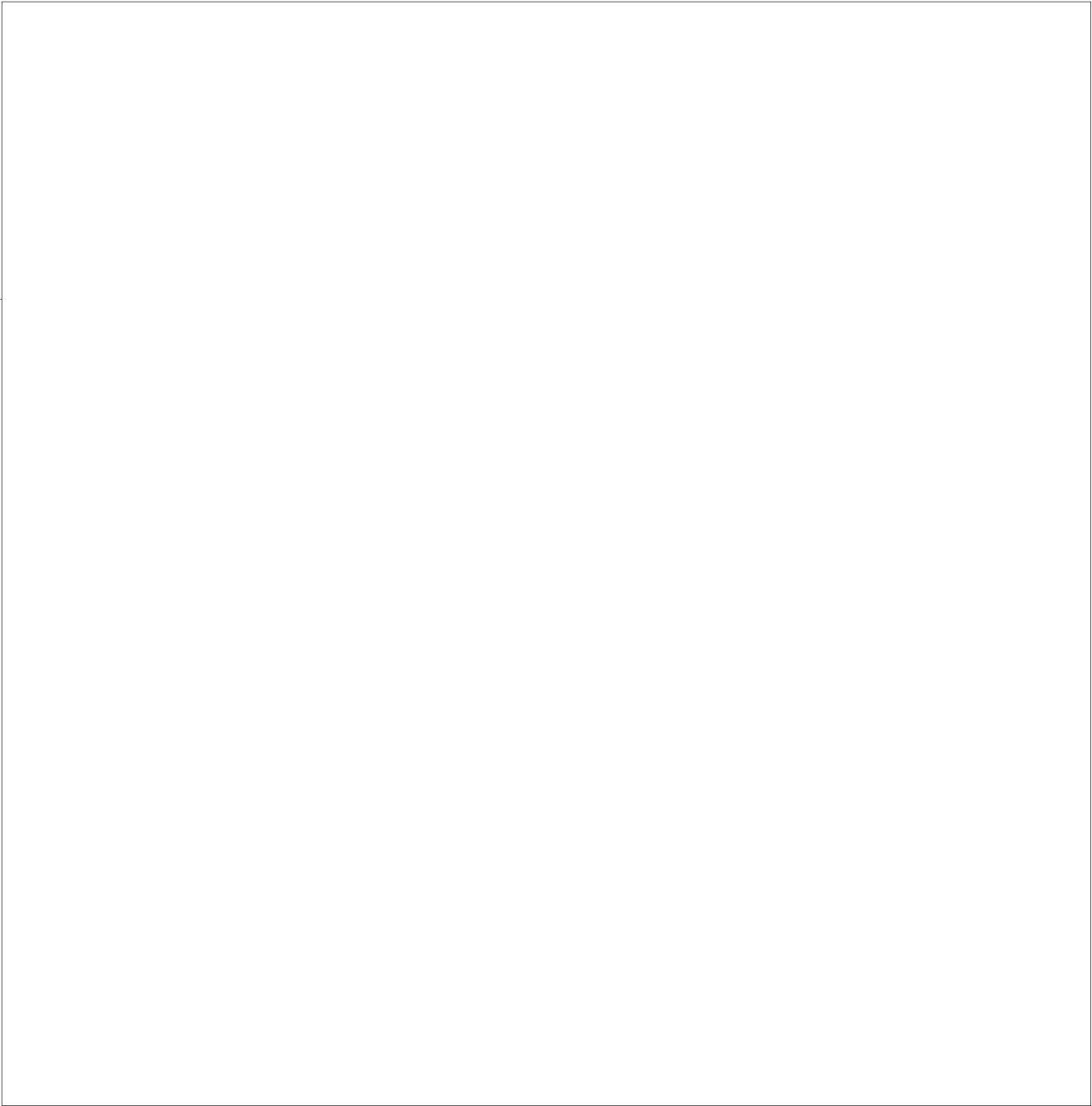


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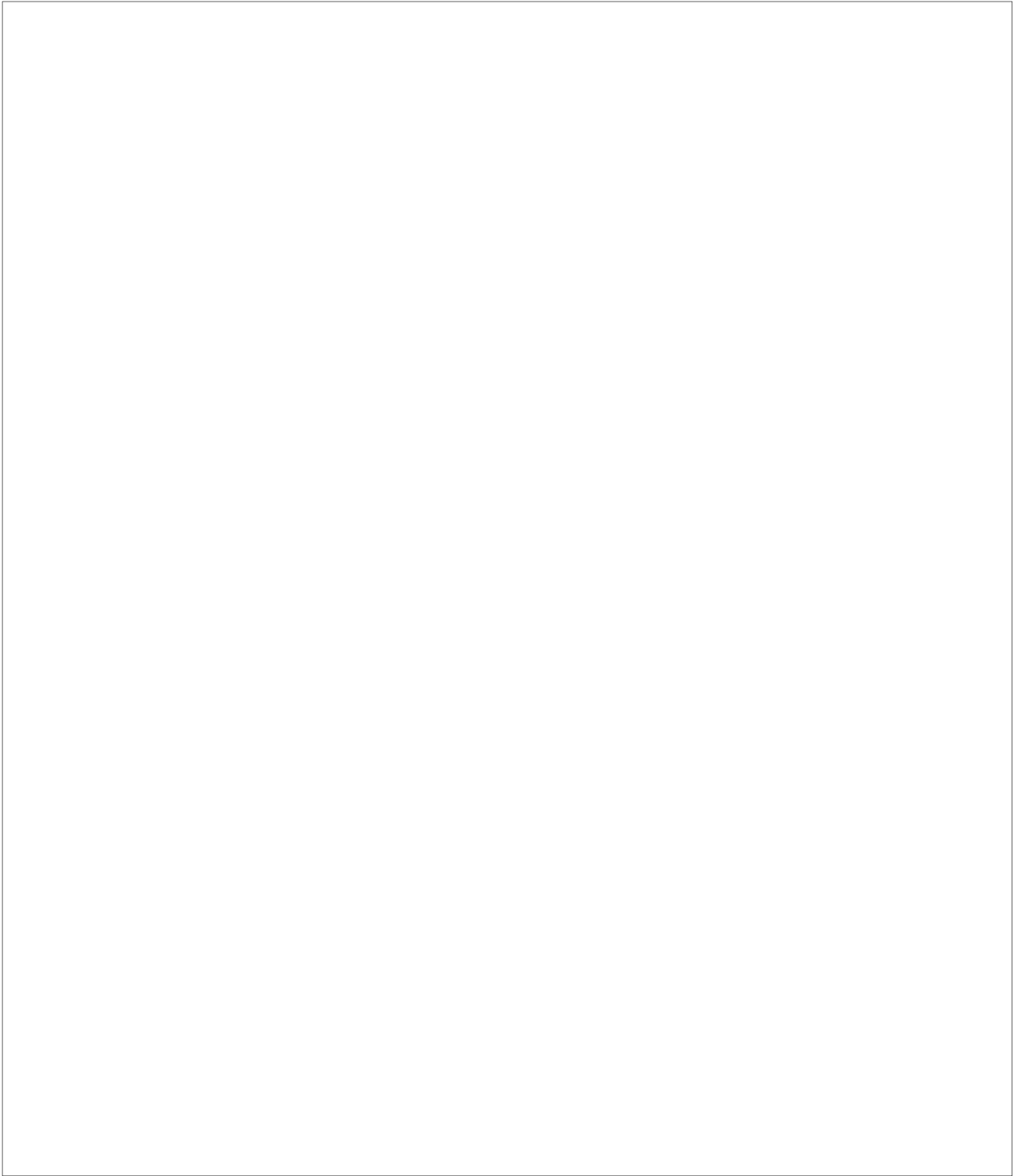
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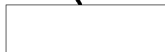


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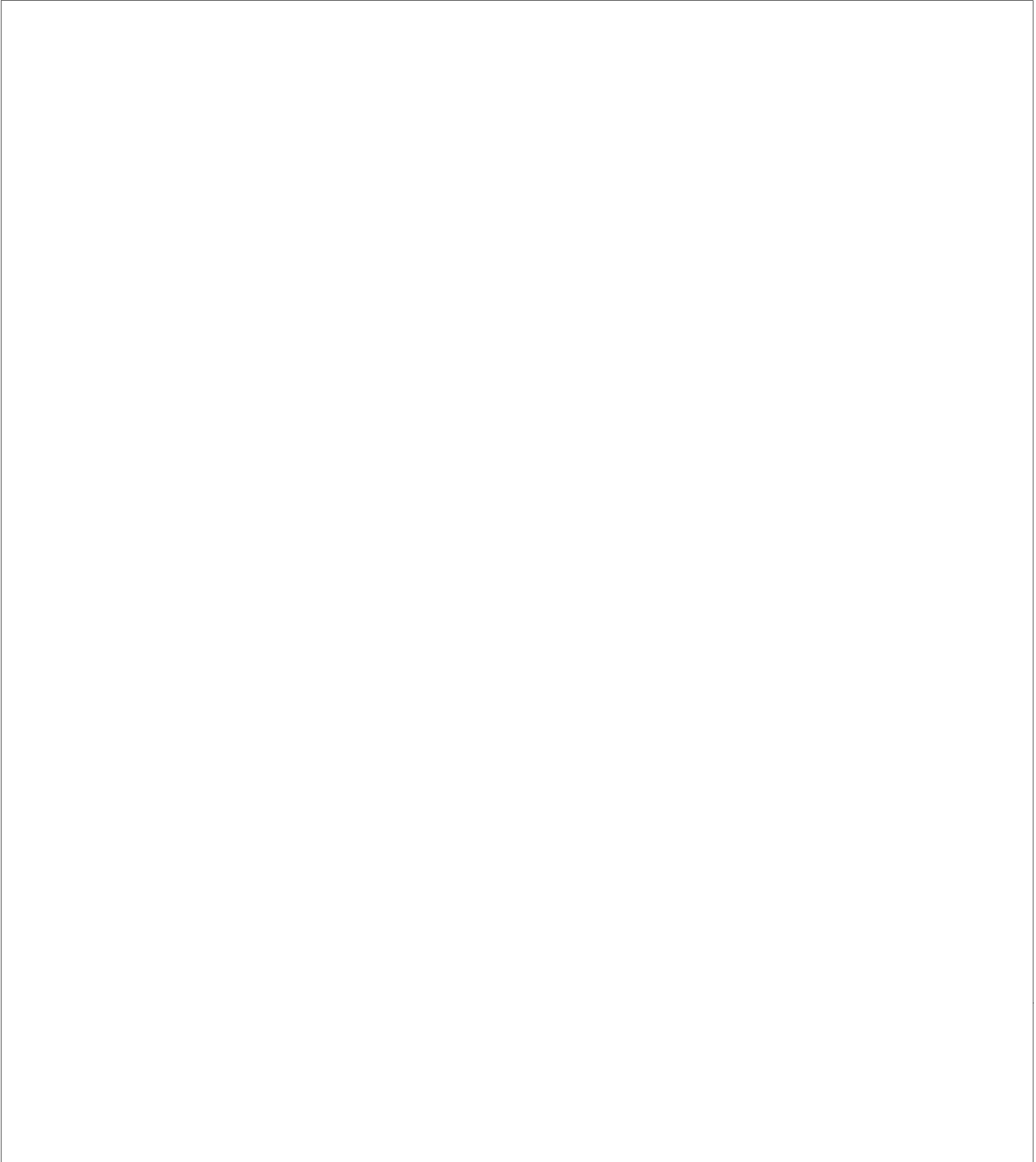
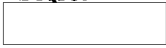


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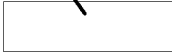


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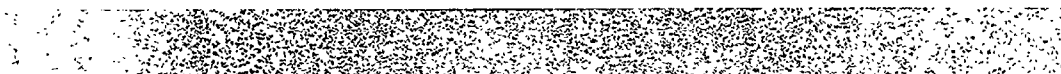


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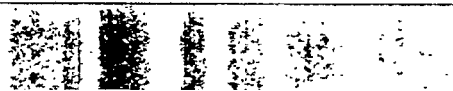
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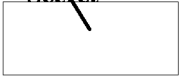
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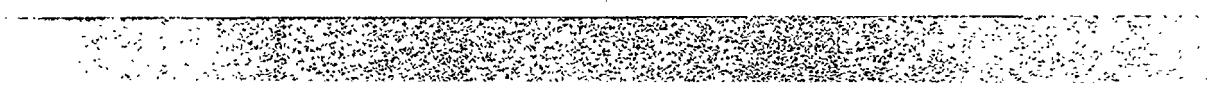
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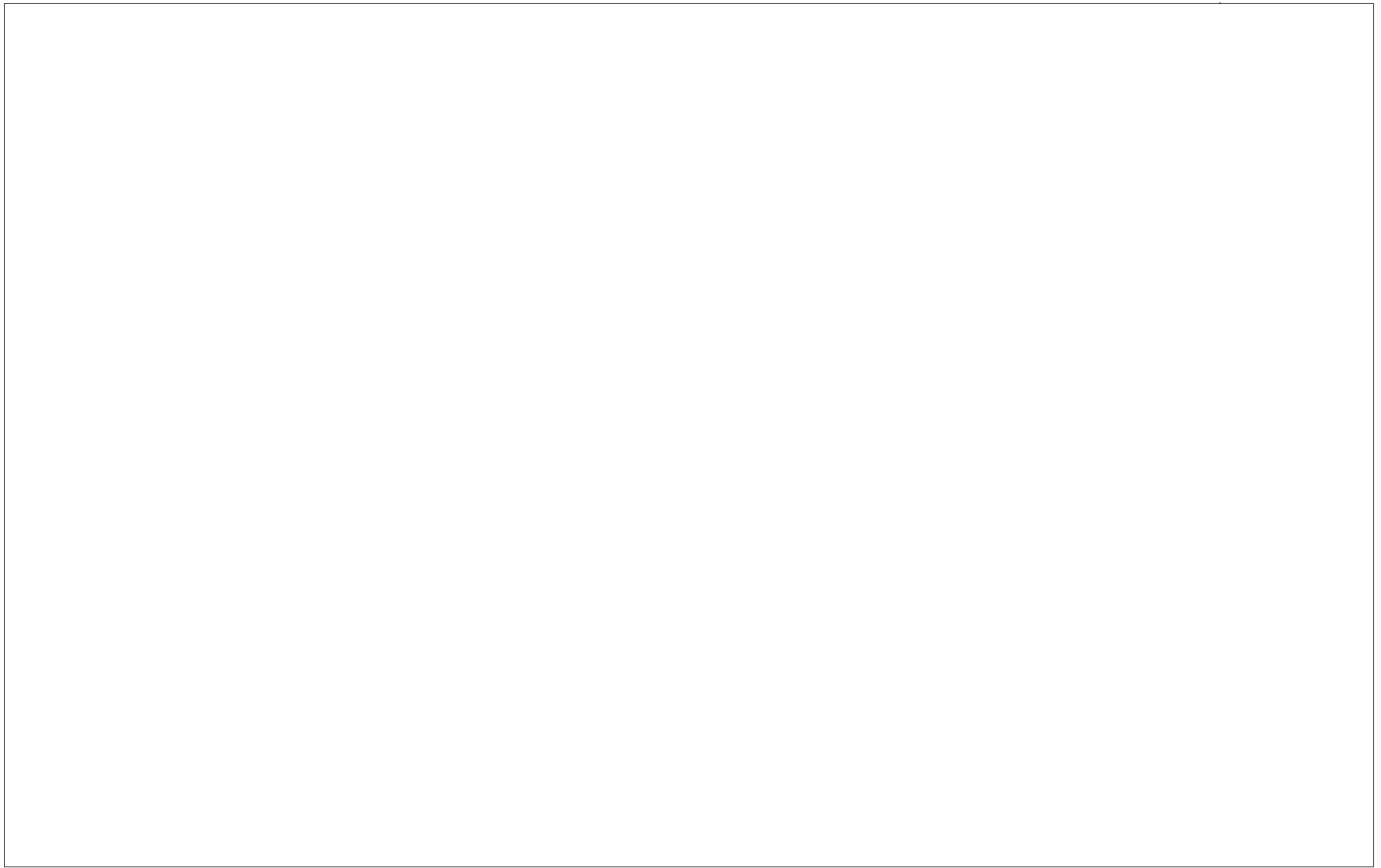


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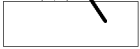


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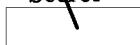


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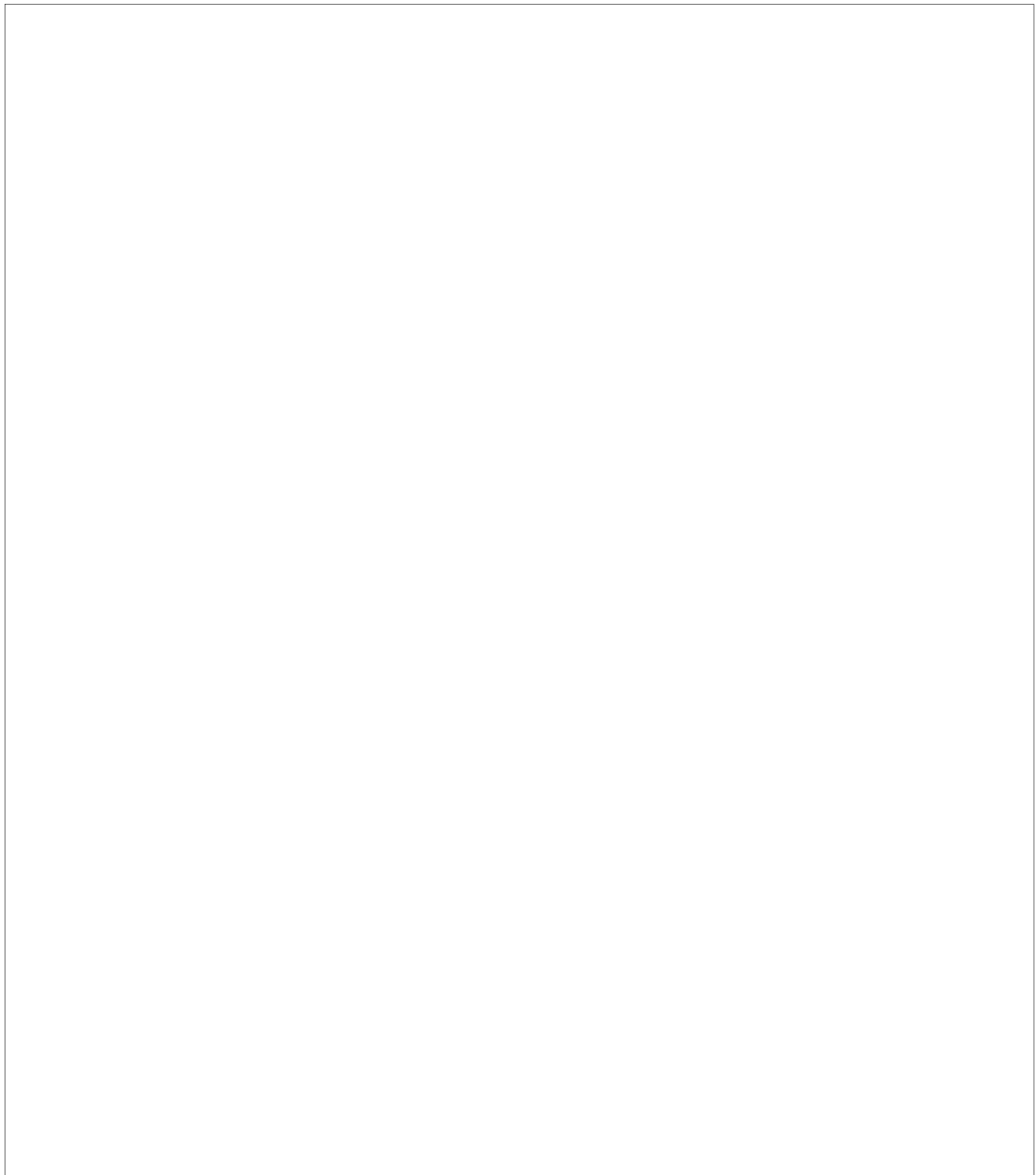


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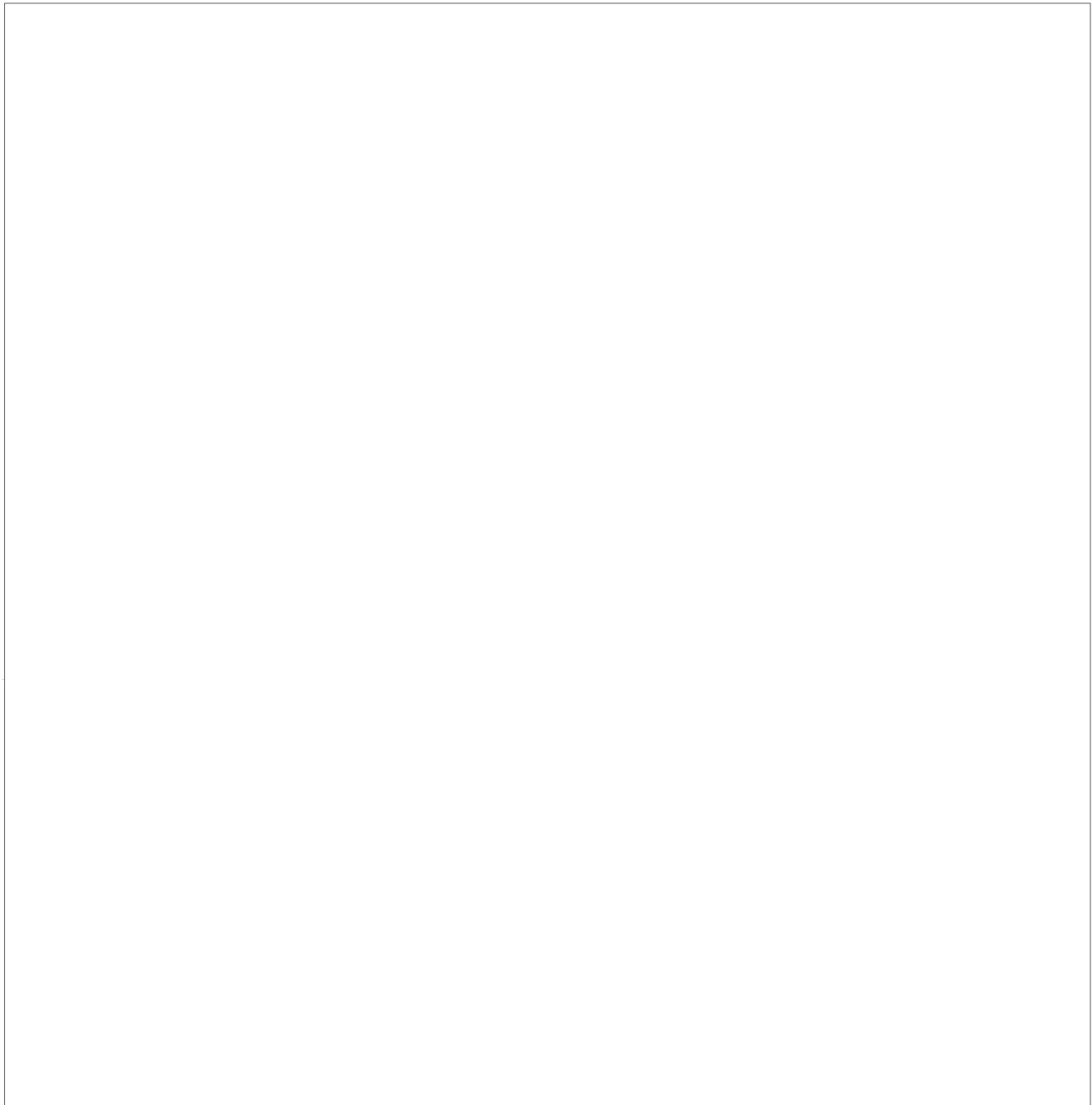


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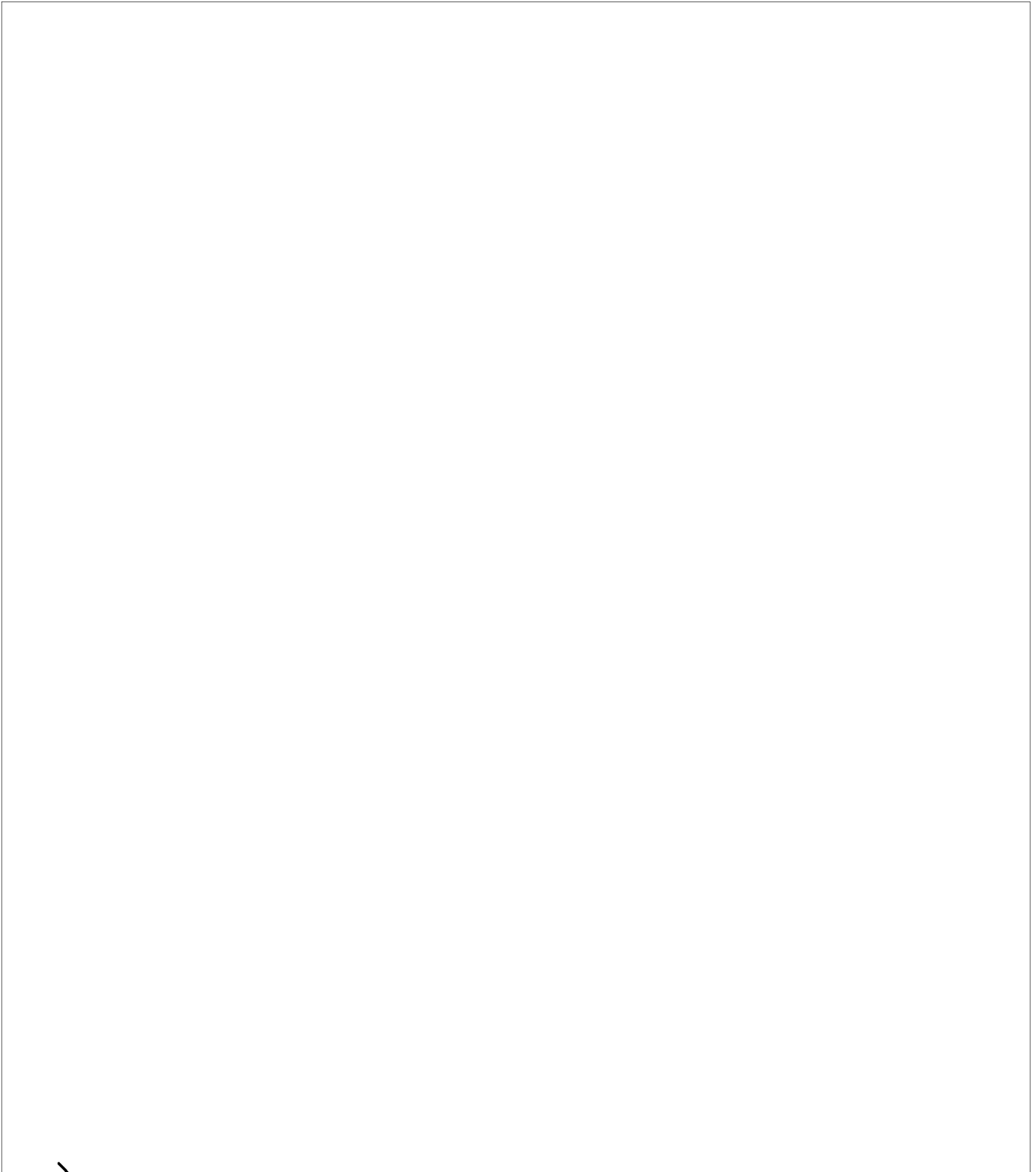
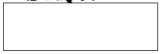


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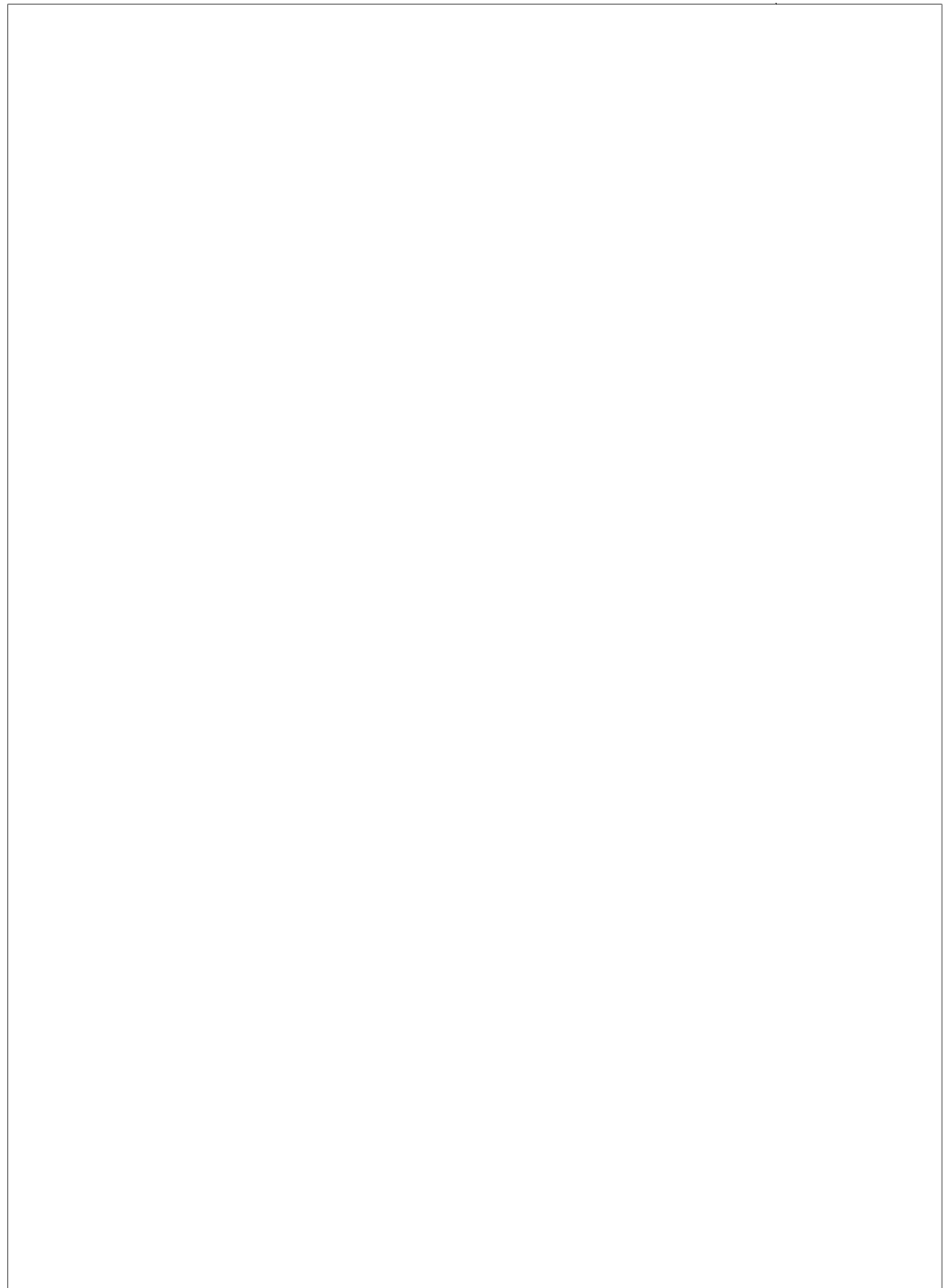


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The Terrorism Diary for July-August 2000

Below is a compendium of July and August dates of known or conceivable significance to terrorists around the world. Inclusion of a date or event does not suggest that we anticipate a commemorative terrorist event

1 July 1867	Canada. Dominion Day.
3 July 1988	Iran. USS Vincennes shoots down Iran Air Flight 655 in Persian Gulf.
3 July 1976	Uganda. Israeli forces conduct a successful hostage rescue operation in Entebbe.
4 July 1776	United States. Independence Day.
4 July 1946	Philippines. Republic Day (date on which the Philippines became an independent republic).
4 July 1994	Greece. Greek terrorist group 17 November assassinates Turkish DCM in Athens.
5 July 1962	Algeria. Independence Day.
9 July 1929	Morocco. Birthday of King Hassan II.
10 July 1978	Mauritania. Armed Forces Day (commemorates military coup).
12 July 1690	Northern Ireland. Orangemen's Day (Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne).
14 July 1789	France. Bastille Day.
14 July 1958	Iraq. Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic).
15 July 1946	Brunei. Sultan's birthday.
17 July 1968	Iraq. Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup).
18 July 1988	Greece. Abu Nidal organization carried out attack on the cruise ship "City of Poros," killing nine people and injuring 98.
18 July 1994	Argentina. Hizballah bombs AMIA cultural center in Buenos Aires.
20 July 1974	Cyprus. Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces).

<i>23 July 1952</i>	<i>Egypt.</i> National Day (commemorates military coup ousting King Farouk).
<i>23 July 1970</i>	<i>Oman.</i> Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos.
<i>25 July 1957</i>	<i>Tunisia.</i> Proclamation of republic.
<i>25 July 1996</i>	<i>France.</i> Bomb kills seven people, wounds 117 on Paris commuter train. Algerian Armed Islamic Group responsible.
<i>26 July 1956</i>	<i>Egypt.</i> Nationalization of Suez Canal.
<i>28 July 1821</i>	<i>Peru.</i> Independence Day.
<i>28 July 1989</i>	<i>Lebanon.</i> Abduction by Israel of Hizballah cleric Shaykh Ubayd.
<i>31 July</i>	<i>Spain/France.</i> St. Ignatius' Day (patron saint of Basques).
<i>31 July 1969</i>	<i>Spain/France.</i> Founding of Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA).
<i>2 August 1990</i>	<i>Iraq/Kuwait.</i> Iraq invades Kuwait.
<i>6 August 1825</i>	<i>Bolivia.</i> Independence Day.
<i>6 August 1966</i>	<i>United Arab Emirates.</i> Accession Day of Shaykh Zayid bin Sultan al-Nuhayyan, Emir of Abu Dhabi.
<i>7 August 1998</i>	<i>Usama Bin Ladin/United States/Kenya/Tanzania.</i> Terrorists associated with Usama Bin Ladin's al-Qa'ida organization bombed US Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killing 12 US citizens. Casualties from both blasts numbered more than 5000.
<i>12 August 1689</i>	<i>Northern Ireland.</i> Protestant commemorative marches mark day apprentice boys locked gates of Derry against James II's forces.
<i>13 August 1984</i>	<i>Morocco/Libya.</i> Union established.
<i>14 August 1947</i>	<i>Pakistan.</i> Independence Day.
<i>15 August 1947</i>	<i>India.</i> Independence Day.
<i>15 August 1964</i>	<i>Colombia.</i> Pro-Castro guerrilla movement, the National Liberation Army (ELN), begins armed struggle.
<i>15 August 1971</i>	<i>Bahrain.</i> Independence Day.
<i>20 August 1953</i>	<i>Morocco.</i> King's and People's Revolution.

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20 August 1998

Usama Bin Ladin/Afghanistan/ Sudan. US missile strikes against Shifa plant in Sudan and Usama Bin Ladin camps in Afghanistan.

25 August 1998

South Africa. Explosion at the US-franchised Planet Hollywood restaurant in Cape Town killed one person and injured 24.

31 August 1978

Libya/Shia World. Lebanese Shia cleric Imam Musa Sadr disappears in Libya.



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Chronology of International Terrorism—April-May 2000

The following incidents have met the criteria for the Intelligence Community's Incident Review Panel since publication of the previous issue of the Terrorism Review. These incidents are the basis for the State Department's Patterns of Global Terrorism, published annually as the US Government's official record of international terrorism

Africa

- 1 May *Sierra Leone: In Makeni, members of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) kidnapped 16 members of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), according to press reports.* The militants surrounded the Makeni disarmament and mobilization center, demanding the return of 10 fighters who had turned in weapons. After UN troops refused, the militants fired into the air, killing five UN soldiers and seizing one UN military observer. Three other observers and soldiers were kidnapped when they tried to negotiate their colleagues' release. On 28 May, all hostages were freed unharmed.
- 1 May *Sierra Leone: In Kailahun, RUF members kidnapped 27 members of the UNAMSIL peacekeeping force, according to press reports.* On 28 May, all hostages were released unharmed.
- 2 May *Sierra Leone: In Magburaka, unidentified militants kidnapped five Kenyan soldiers from the UNAMSIL peacekeeping force, according to press reports.* RUF militants are probably responsible. On 10 May, the hostages escaped.
- 3 May *Angola: Armed militants attacked a World Food Program humanitarian convoy carrying foodstuffs for war victims, killing one person, wounding one other, and setting the trucks on fire in Luanda. The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola is probably responsible.*
- 5 May *Sierra Leone: RUF militants kidnapped 300 UNAMSIL peacekeepers throughout the country, according to press reports.* On 28 May, all hostages were released unharmed.

Asia

- 20 April *Pakistan: A bomb exploded near the Jamaat-E-Islami headquarters in Mansura, injuring two persons in a nearby residence, according to press reports.* No one claimed responsibility.
- 24 April *Malaysia: In Kampong Pulau Tiga, press accounts reported armed militants kidnapped 21 persons—two French, three Germans, two South Africans, two Finns, two Filipinos, one Lebanese, and nine Malaysians. The militants are probably members of the Abu Sayyaf Group.*
- 28 April *India: In Srinagar, a bomb exploded, killing one civilian and wounding four police officers and one civilian at a police checkpoint, according to press reports.* No one claimed responsibility.
- 28 April *India: In Srinagar, militants threw a grenade at a security patrol but hit a bus stop, injuring two civilians, according to press reports.* No one claimed responsibility.

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- 10 May** *India: In Kupwara, armed militants kidnapped a civilian from his residence and then killed him, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility* [redacted]
- 11 May** *India: In Bihar, armed militants killed 11 persons and injured four others, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility* [redacted]
- 15 May** *India: In Chabran, a landmine exploded, killing Kashmir's Power Minister and four other government employees and destroying their vehicle, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility* [redacted]
- Eurasia**
- 16 April** *Serbia: In Kosovska Mitrovica, according to press reports, three armed ethnic Albanians shot at two United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo police officers, but caused no injuries. Authorities made no arrests* [redacted]
- 24 April** *Tajikistan: In Khatlon region, [redacted] a group of armed Afghans broke into a residence and opened fire, killing one person, injuring another, and kidnapping one other. No one claimed responsibility* [redacted]
- Europe**
- 14 April** *France: In Pornic, according press accounts, unidentified individuals bombed a McDonald's restaurant, causing minor damage but no injuries. On 30 April, the Breton Liberation Army claimed responsibility* [redacted]
- Latin America**
- 12 April** *Colombia: In Cali, [redacted] National Liberation Army rebels kidnapped a Mexican citizen, demanding \$5 million ransom. On 16 April, police arrested three kidnappers and freed the hostage unharmed* [redacted]
- 14 May** *Colombia: In Canito, according to press reports, unidentified individuals kidnapped an Australian missionary and three Colombians. The Colombian hostages were released unharmed several hours later. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]
- Middle East**
- 14 May** *Iran: In Kermanshah, a bomb exploded in the cultural/sports centre injuring two civilians, according to press reports. The Mujahedin-e Khalq claimed responsibility.* [redacted]

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Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—April-May 2000

The incidents listed below provide an overview of indigenous terrorism worldwide.

Africa

Angola

On 17 May in Katchiungo, according to press reports, armed militants killed three persons—a local government official, a tribal chief, and a church leader. The *National Union for the Independence of Angola* may be responsible.

Burundi

On 24 April in Bujumbura, militants set up a false roadblock and stopped several vehicles, killing seven persons and injuring 14 others, according to press reports. The Hutu rebels are probably responsible.

Uganda

On 17 May in Gulu, armed militants killed three persons, according to press reports. The *Lord's Resistance Army* is probably responsible.

Asia

Bangladesh

On 15 May in Bandarban, a bomb exploded on a passenger bus, injuring 35 persons, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.

Burma

On 13 May in Myawaddy, militants fired rockets on a village, killing one person and injuring one other, according to press reports. *Karen Insurgents* are probably responsible.

Philippines

On 3 May in Korondal, according to press reports, armed members of the *Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)* ambushed a passenger bus, wounding two persons and kidnapping 50 others.

On 3 May in General Santos, two bombs exploded, killing two persons, injuring ten others, and damaging several vehicles and equipment, according to press reports. The *MILF* is probably responsible.

On 7 May in Surigao, a bomb exploded on a bus, killing two persons and wounding 12 others, according to press reports. The *MILF* is probably responsible.

On 7 May in Surigao, a bomb exploded on a bus, killing four persons and injuring 27 others, according to press reports. The *MILF* is probably responsible.

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Eurasia

Russia

On 12 May in Dzhaglarbi, press accounts reported a remote controlled explosive device exploded on a city bus, killing three persons and wounding 18 others. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

In Moscow on 12 May, according to press accounts, unidentified assailants attacked and gravely injured a local journalist at his residence. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

Serbia

On 13 May in Novi Sad, [redacted] unidentified gunmen killed the head of the provincial government of Vojvodina. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

Europe

France

On 3 May near Cannes, [redacted] a bomb exploded at a casino, causing major damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

Germany

In Hamburg on 29 April [redacted] a grenade exploded inside a discotheque, injuring eight persons and causing minor damage. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

Greece

On 8 May in Athens, [redacted] a group of unidentified individuals firebombed a political party office, causing significant material damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

Northern Ireland

On 30 April in Dublin, press accounts reported unidentified gunmen killed a man in an apparent "punishment" attack. The attack bears the hallmark of an Irish paramilitary group [redacted]

On 2 May in Dungannon, County Tyrone, press accounts reported suspected *Irish Republican Army* members entered a private residence and beat and shot a man four times in an apparent "punishment" attack. Another family member was wounded in the attack. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

Spain

On 6 May in Hendaye, [redacted] suspected *Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)* members firebombed a bank, destroying the building but causing no injuries. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

In Andoain on 7 May, [redacted] suspected *ETA* members shot and killed a prominent journalist outside his residence. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 8 May in Galicia, press accounts reported unidentified assailants bombed an armored van, killing the two passengers and injuring four bystanders. After the explosion, the assailants opened fire on the van. Police suspect the *October 1 Anti-Fascist Resistance Group*. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

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Turkey

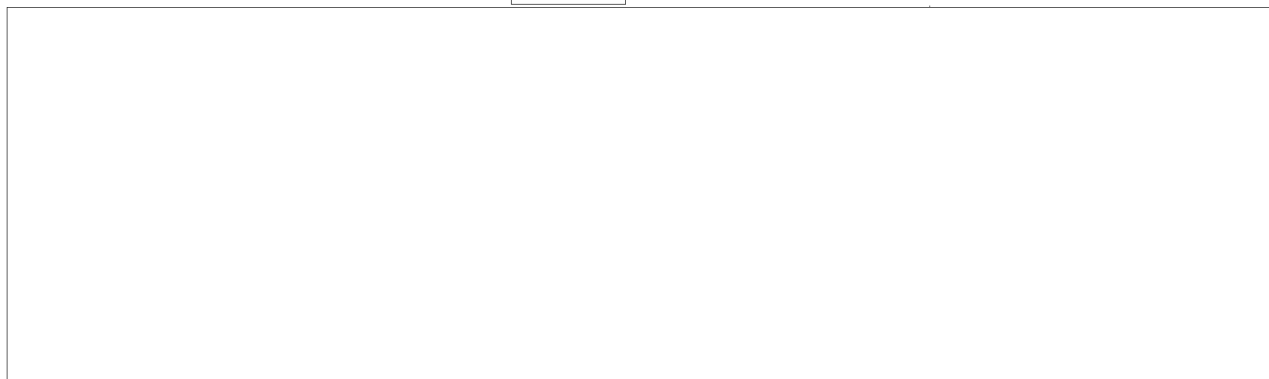
On 12 May in Adana, [redacted] two bombs exploded at a café and a sports complex, injuring three persons and causing minor damage. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

Latin America

Colombia

On 1 May in Sucre Department [redacted] suspected *Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)* guerillas killed eight farmers. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

In La Cumbre on 2 May [redacted] suspected *FARC* rebels shot and killed two evangelical pastors in their residences. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]



On 7 May in Savanette [redacted] unidentified gunmen killed a political party candidate and his son. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

Middle East

Algeria

On 2 May in Chenayene, armed militants killed two shepherds, according to press reports. The *Armed Islamic Group* is probably responsible [redacted]

Yemen

On 27 April in Habil Jabar, a bomb exploded, damaging a courthouse and the private residence of the leader of the Women's Section at the General People's Congress, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

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